KNIGHTS FOOTBALL



POSTGAME NOTES

UCF	48
Iowa State	17

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Orlando, Fla.

Acrisure Bounce House

Attendance: 34,043

TV: FS1

UCF TEAM NOTES

- The victory makes UCF bowl eligible for the first time since 2023. It's the second time the Knights have been bowl eligible in its Big 12 Conference tenure and the ninth time over the last 11 seasons. It's the 16th time in program history that UCF will head to a bowl game.
- The victory was head coach Scott Frost's 30th in his UCF tenure. Frost, currently in his fourth season across two stints, earned six wins in 2016, 13 in 2017, five in his return in 2025, and six thus far in 2026
- The Knights now own at least one win over 10 Big 12 Conference foes, collecting wins over Arizona, Baylor, BYU, Cincinnati, Houston, Iowa State, Kansas, Oklahoma State, TCU and West Virginia throughout program history. UCF is searching for its first win over its final opponent of the 2026 season against Colorado.
- UCF's four Big 12 Conference victories this season is the most by the Knights as league members since joining in 2023.
- The Knights improve to 25-1 under Scott Frost when scoring 30+ points and a perfect 16-0 when scoring 40 or more
- Iowa State is one of four teams on UCF's 2026 slate who made its inaugural trip to Acrisure Bounce House. UCF now boasts wins over Georgia State, TCU and Iowa State as three of the four first timers; the other a loss to Arizona State,.
- Iowa State's field goal on the opening drive marks the second time UCF has allowed their opponent to score on the opening drive this season, the first being against No. 2 BYU. UCF has only surrendered five scores on opponents' 23 opening drives in the second stint of Scott Frost at UCF.
- UCF's field goal by Will Stone on the Knights' opening drive was the fifth time UCF's offense has scored on its first drive this season, ending a four game dry spell.
- Additionally, in its second drive, Iowa State committed three penalties, losing 25 yards on penalties with -6 yards on the drive.
- The Knights have won nine coin tosses so far this year, going 5-4 when they win the toss this season
- The win gives UCF 80 victories since the start of the 2017 season, the third most of any program in the Big 12 behind BYU and Utah
- The Knights snapped a five-game losing streak on Friday nights with the victory over Iowa State; the last Friday night victory coming in 2021 against South Florida.
- Iowa State's Aiden Flora entered the game as the nation's leading rusher at 133.5 yards per game. He surpassed that mark with 171 yards on the ground with two touchdowns. UCF entered the game surrendering an average of 135 yards per contest, a mark that was in the top half of the Big 12 Conference. Despite surrendering more than average, the Knights out-rushed the Cyclones 205-189.
- The last time UCF had three touchdowns in a quarter against a Power 4 opponent was Nov. 7, 2025 against Houston. The Knights secured three touchdowns in the second quarter against Iowa State Friday night.
- The Black and Gold are 5-1 when leading at halftime this season, going 25-5 with Frost at UCF
- The Knights went up 48-17 in the fourth quarter. The last time UCF scored this many points against a Big 12 opponent was on Nov. 11, 2024 against Arizona.
- With four takeaways, UCF recorded its second game this season with four forced turnovers, converting those opportunities into 21 points.

UCF PLAYER NOTES

- Josh Derry had a big night, hauling in four catches for 125 yards and three touchdowns, including 51 yards after catch and a long of 65 yards
  - His 21-yard receiving touchdown with 13:09 remaining in the second quarter gave UCF its first lead of the game at 10-3.
  - Derry's 25th career touchdown came at the 8:56 mark of the second quarter. Barnett connected with Derry for 65 yards for Derry's second touchdown of the game. Derry sits at 13 100+yard games in his career; it was his fourth this season.
  - Derry became the first UCF receiver to record three consecutive 100-yard receiving games since Kobe Hudson did so Sept. 9-23, 2023, posting 134 receiving yards at Boise State, 147 against Villanova and 138 at Kansas State. Derry's three straight games with 100 receiving yards include 143 at Kansas Nov. 7, 137 against Arizona State Nov. 14 and 125 against Kansas
  - Derry is the first UCF player to catch 3+ touchdowns in a game since Kobe Hudson had three touchdowns on three catches vs. No. 15 Oklahoma State Nov. 11, 2023
  - Derry completed a 24-yard touchdown in the third quarter, his third of the game. The last time Derry had three or more touchdowns in a game was when he scored his career-high four touchdowns against Ford in 2025. Derry is the first Big 12 wide receiver to catch 3 touchdowns in a game this season.
  - The multi-touchdown performance marked Derry's sixth career game with multiple receiving touchdowns, the last time occurring Nov. 15, 2025 against North Carolina A&T.
  - At 5'9", Josh Derry is the shortest Big 12 player with at least 125 receiving yards and three receiving touchdowns in a game since Kavontae Turpin from TCU. (5' 9). Turpin had 138 receiving yards and 4 receiving touchdowns against Texas on Oct. 3, 2015.
- Alonza Barnett III recorded the 25th rushing touchdown of his career on a 15-yard run in the second quarter, capitalizing on a fumble recovery by Lewis Carter.
- Duke Watson tallied his third 100+ yard rushing performance of the season, chewing up 113 yards on the ground against Iowa State. Watson tallied 177 rushing yards against Georgia State and 110 against Bethune-Cookman this season. He now boasts five career games with over 100 rushing yards. Watson entered the contest ranking 14th in the nation in yards per carry at 6.34 yards per rush.
- Antione Jackson recorded both a forced fumble and an interception, becoming the first Knight to achieve the feat since Jayden Bellamy earlier this season on Sept. 26, 2026.